

AB 413 (Chávez) California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program: This bill authorizes a spouse or child to enter into additional state contracts during the three years currently permitted for the continued operation of a disabled veteran-owned business enterprise (DVBE) following the death or permanent disability of an owner of a certified DVBE. Existing law limits the business' activities to the completion of existing contracts. This bill is currently on the Governor's Desk awaiting his signature or veto.

AB 429 (Dahle) Public contracts: preferences: forest products: This bill would establish a bid preference for state contracts for lumber and other solid wood products harvested in compliance with the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act (Act), federal timber sales, or a federal certification program identified by the director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). This preference would only be applicable when price, fitness and quality are equal among bidders for the preference to apply. This bill is currently on the Governor's Desk awaiting his signature or veto. There are significant constitutional issues which the author believes he has mitigated but which may be a major factor in Governor's decision to sign or veto this bill.

SB 703 (Leno) Public contracts: prohibitions: discrimination: This bill adds a new section of law to the Public Contract Code that prohibits a state agency from entering into contracts for the acquisition of goods or services of \$100,000 or more with a contractor that discriminates between employees on the basis of gender identity in the provision of benefits. This bill is currently on the Governor's Desk awaiting his signature or veto.